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### EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS - AUSTRALIA, AUGUST, 1950.

Monthly records of employment referred to in this notice relate to all wage and salary earners except those in rural industry and female private domestic service, and therefore cover about 90 per cent of all wage and salary earners in employment. Figures quoted are subject to revision.

At the end of August, 1950 the number of persons employed (2,554,600) was greater by 6,300 than in July, 1950. The number of males in employment rose by 4,900 to 1,863,500 and the number of females by 1,400 to 691,100.

Comparisons of the numbers in employment in the months of May and August, 1949 and July and August, 1950 are as follows:-

#### NUMBERS IN EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA.

(Excluding Rural Industry and Female Private Domestic Service)  
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Particulars	May, 1949	August, 1949 (a)	July, 1950	August, 1950
Males ..	1,787.1	1,764.5	1,858.6	1,863.5
Females ..	664.1	658.9	689.7	691.1
Persons	2,451.2	2,423.4	2,548.3	2,554.6

(a) An industrial dispute in coal mining affected total employment in June, July and August, 1949.

#### CHANGES IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS.

The predominant feature of employment during August, 1950 was the general expansion of all main groups. The number of employees in Commerce increased by 2,000 (mainly due to an upward movement in employment by Primary Produce Agencies). Factory employment increased by 1,200, Building and Construction by 1,700 and other Groups by 1,400. In all cases both males and females contributed to the additional numbers employed.

#### FACTORY EMPLOYMENT.

There was an increase of 900 males and 300 females in factory employment during August, 1950. The former was due to an increase of 1,800 in the manufacture of Metals, Machines, Vehicles etc., and of 500 in Food, Drink and Tobacco, partly offset by decreases in Textiles (200), Skins and Leather Goods (200), Sawmilling and Woodworking (500), and other Groups (500).

Female employment showed an advance of 800 in the manufacture of Clothing, a decrease of 300 in Food, Drink and Tobacco manufacture and smaller changes in other Groups.

#### EMPLOYMENT BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

The number of persons employed in Australia by Public Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, the post office, education, police, public works, etc. and in administration increased by 1,800 during August to a total of 664,400. There was an increase of 400 in the numbers employed by public authorities of the Commonwealth and of 1,400 in those of State and Local Authorities.

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